

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A print system comprising:

at least two image data outputting apparatuses and one printer that prints images based on image data transferred from the at least two image data outputting apparatuses; and

control means that controls printing preparation of the recording sheet in the printer based on the transfer time, required for the transfer of the image data when the image data is transferred from each image data outputting apparatus, and a printing preparation time required for printing preparation of the recording sheet for printing the images based on the image data; wherein

printing preparation start timing is obtained that enables the time of completion of transfer of the image data and the time of completion of the printing preparation of the recording sheet to be synchronized; and

the printing preparation of the recording sheet is started at the above-described printing preparation start timing.

2. (original): The print system according to claim 1, wherein the control means calculates and obtains the transfer time based on information sent from the image data outputting apparatus when the image data is transferred from each image data outputting apparatus.

3. (original): The print system according to claim 1, wherein:

transfer time information indicating the transfer time of the image data of the image data outputting apparatus is input and stored in the control means in advance.

4. (original): The print system according to claim 1, wherein:

the control means obtains a difference time between the transfer time and the printing preparation time; and

when the transfer time is longer than the printing preparation time, the printing preparation of the recording sheet is started after a period of time equivalent to the difference time has passed from a transfer start time of the image data.

5. (original): The print system according to claim 2, wherein:

the control means obtains a difference time between the transfer time and the printing preparation time; and

when the transfer time is longer than the printing preparation time, the printing preparation of the recording sheet is started after a period of time equivalent to the difference time has passed from a transfer start time of the image data.

6. (original): The print system according to claim 3, wherein:

the control means obtains a difference time between the transfer time and the printing preparation of the recording sheet

when the transfer time is longer than the printing preparation time, the printing preparation of the recording sheet is started after a period of time equivalent to the difference time has passed from a transfer start time of the image data.

7. (new): The print system according to claim 1, wherein the printing preparation start timing comprises:

a pre-determined start time to begin printing preparation of the recording sheet so that a finish time of completion of the printing preparation of the recording sheet is synchronized with a finish time of completion of the transfer of the image data.

8. (new): The print system according to claim 1, wherein the synchronization comprises:

a first end time wherein a finish time of completion of the printing preparation of the recording sheet and a finish time of completion of the transfer of the image data are simultaneous;

a second end time wherein a finish time of completion of the printing preparation of the recording sheet is before a finish time of completion of the transfer of the image data; and

a third end time wherein a finish time of completion of the printing preparation of the recording sheet is after a finish time of completion of the transfer of the image data.

9. (new): The print system according to claim 1, wherein the printing preparation of the recording sheet comprises:

various kinds of films are made into a state where they can be printed;

various kinds of recording papers are made into a state where they can be printed; and

a suitable size and/or kind of recording sheet for printing is taken out from a tray and conveyed to the printer.

10. (new): The print system according to claim 1, wherein the transfer time comprises:
a product of a number of image data sent from the at least two image outputting
apparatuses and a transfer speed, wherein the transfer speed comprises:

a speed sent from the at least two image data apparatuses;

a speed sent from the control means wherein the speed is input and stored
beforehand in the control means; and

a default speed that is stored beforehand in the control means.

11. (new): The print system according to claim 1, further comprising:
a storage unit which stores the image data received from the control means;
a transfer start time T4 stored in the control means, wherein transfer of the image data
from a first of the at least two image data outputting apparatuses is started;

a difference time which is the difference of the transfer time and printing preparation
time;

a time T8 which is the time after a period equivalent to the difference time and transfer
start time T4;

a time T5 which is the start time of a transfer of the image data from a second of the at
least two image data outputting apparatuses;

a time T7 which is a completion time of the transfer of the image data from the first of
the at least two image data outputting apparatuses;

a time T9 which is a completion time of the transfer of the image data from the second
of the at least two image data outputting apparatuses; and

the printing preparation of the recording sheet for the image data is performed in the order in which the time T7 or the time T9 is earlier.

12. (new): The print system according to claim 1, further comprising:
- transfer of a first image data from a first of the at least two image data outputting apparatuses to the printer comprising a first completion time;
 - transfer of a second image data from a second of the at least two image data outputting apparatuses to the printer comprising a second completion time; and
 - the printing preparation of the recording sheet for the image data is performed in the order in which the first completion time or the second completion time is earlier.